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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT FOR  
SENATE BILL 280 – OCCUPATIONAL and  
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING – SERVICE MEMBERS,  
VETERANS and MILITARY SPOUSES – REVISIONS TO RECIPROCITY**

The American Legion Department of Maryland firmly believes Senate Bill 280 removes a roadblock and, at the same time, fast-tracks employment opportunities for active duty personnel seeking supplemental income while service in the nation's military and uniform services, for veterans some who may have been recently separated from active service and their spouses.

We believe this measure presents opportunities in a myriad of fields ranging from cosmetology, dental hygiene, nursing, physical fitness instructors and hundreds of other prospective employment opportunities.

SB 280 eliminates the cost of re-training and studying for licensing requirements and, more importantly, changes the time loss requirement in seeking a job.

This bill also preserves the standards set by the Maryland Department of Labor to insure no risks affect public health, welfare or safety according to the Fiscal and Policy Note accompanying SB 280.

The American Legion representing over 47,000 active service members, veterans and their families strongly endorse Senate Bill 280 and respectfully request a favorable report from the Education, Health and Environmental Committee.

Yours, respectfully

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